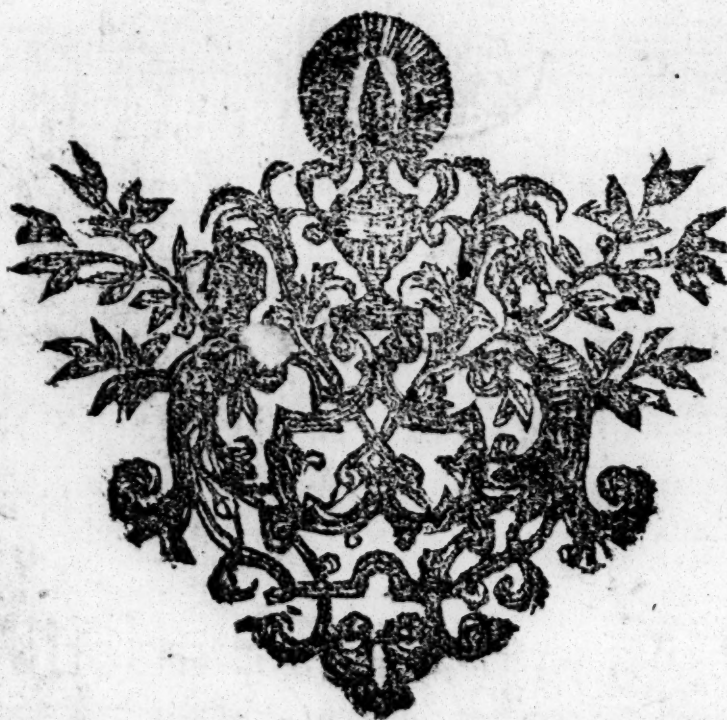


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Relating to the New HALFPENCE,
and lowering the

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Address'd to all the good People of Ireland.



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Q. 1. **W**Hether every Reason urg'd by the honest *Drapier* against that *Scoundrell Wood's* Brats, will not hold as strongly against the present new coin'd *Half-pence*?

Q. 2. By what remarkable Infatuation has it happen'd that this *Nation* was so justly and happily united in their Indignation in the former case, and so stupid, and insensible in the latter?

Q. 3. Whether any Man is oblig'd by *Law* to take the New *Half-pence*?

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Q. 4. Whether it wou'd not be highly expedient that the *Gentlemen* of every *County* shou'd enter into *Associations* never to take one of them?

Q. 5. Whether any *Tradesman* who offers either to take or give them in *Change* shou'd be dealt with by any Person who wishes well to his *Country*?

Q. 6. Whether there does not already appear among us several different sorts of them; and some much more adulterate than others?

Q. 7. Whether the *Dutch* and other *Nations*, and even our very good Friends the *English*, will not think it well worth their While, to send us constant Supplies of them, as long as we have one Piece of *Gold* or *Silver* among Us?

Q. 8. Whether any *Man* who asserts the Contrary, can be a *Man* of *Probity*, or *Honesty*?

Q. 9. VWho

Q. 9. Who advis'd the *Coinage* and importation of these pernicious *Half-pence*?

Q. 10. Whether in *England* the *Species* be ever rais'd or lower'd without the consent of *Parliament*?

Q. 11. Or at least, whether it has been for many Years past either rais'd or lower'd there without the *Advice* of *Parliament*?

Q. 12. If the *Crown* shou'd be about to exert a *Legal Prerogative*, which may probably in the Event prove a detriment to the Publick, *Whether* it be not the indispensable Duty of the *Parliament* (*as the grand Council of the Nation*) humbly to remonstrate the ill Consequences to his *Majesty*?

Q. 13. If the *Crown* has an incontrollable *Prerogative* of raising & lowering our *Species* at pleasure, which is

on no Account to be contradicted or Enquir'd into, be it exercised never so much to the Publick ruin, how does our Constitution differ, in this important instance, from *France*, or the most absolute *Monarchy* in the world?

Q. 14. VWhether any Man can be sure, in such a case, for a week together that he is really worth one single farthing?

Q. 15. VWhether the *Bankers* of this Kingdom, have not basely Sacrificed the interest, and welfare of their Country, to the most *Lucrative* and *Sordid Motives*?

Q. 16. VWhether every Man's Money will not be Safest in his own hands?

Q. 17. Whether it is not in ev'ry *Bankers* Power, who has obtain'd Credit, to Ruin numbers of People?

Q. 18. Whe.

Q. 18. Whether the *Portugal Gold*, since the Reduction of our *Coin*, does not bear an higher *Value* in *Holland* than in this *Kingdom*, and if so, whether consequently all that *Species* will not naturally *center* where the greatest profit may be made of it?

Q. 19. Whether *Thirty thousand pound* (in four pound pieces) were not exported from this *Kingdom* within three days after the *Proclamation*?

Q. 20. And whether five times that sum, has not been sent away since?

Q. 21. Whether the *Portugal four pound pieces* has not been sent to *London*, Sold there by the *ounce*, and returns made to *Ireland* for the same in *Bills of Exchange*, & thus converted more to the Advantage of the *Merchant*, than to have that *Coin* imported directly to us, and pass'd here by *Tale*?

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- Q. 22. Whether any Delay in negotiating *Traffick* be not a manifest Injury to the *Kingdom*? And whether Delays are not now multiplied to a great degree by the alteration in the *Coin*?
- Q. 23. Whether the raising foreign *Silver* to an equal value with our Neighbouring *Nations*, wou'd not have prov'd the most effectual Remedy against our want of *Silver*?
- Q. 24. Whether all foreign *Silver* does not pass in *Holland* and *France* from four to eight per Cent higher than in *Ireland*?
- Q. 25. If so why was not this Method of raising *Silver* taken?
- Q. 26. Whether *Change* since the Lowering the *Coin*, is not more Scarce than before?
- Q. 27. Whether the *Reduction* and giving us *Brass Money*, can prove a proper

per Remedy for our want of *Change*, in any other manner than as *beheading* may be a proper Remedy for the *Tooth ach*? and (as great *Blunderers* as a Neighbouring *Nation* wou'd make of us) whether we are so Ridiculous as to imagine we shall want *Change* for *Gold*, when we have no *Gold* left?

Q. 28. Whether we have not a greater Encouragement by three and a quarter per Cent than formerly, to import *Corn*, *Linnens* and all other *Commodities*?

Q. 29. Whether we can reasonably expect *Guineas* and *English Silver*, when the Ballance of *Trade* is so clearly and greatly in Favour of *England*.

Q. 30. Whether Three and a quarter per Cent ought not to be taken off from all the *Revenues*, and the Civil and

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titary *List* of the *Nation*; this being the *Reduction* on the *Gold* we now import from *Lisbon*?

Q. 31. VVhether the landed and trading *Interest* is not to bear the intire *Loss* of the *Reduction*?

Q. 32. VVhether *France* was ever *Richer* than at present? and whether this be not owing greatly to the *French King's* keeping the *Coin* at a certain *Standard*, & not in its former fluctuating *State*?

Q. 33. Whether *Strap* behind the *Coach* was worth 100*l.* in the year 1703? and how much he is now worth? whether his *Fortune* was not built on the *Ruin* of his *Country*? Is he not a noted *Jobber* in *Gold* and *Silver Coin*? Has he not *Exported* large quantities of both from this *Kingdom* since the 1st of *August*? whether he has not
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lent *Money* at 6 per Cent to Import *Copper Half-pence*? Is such a Person a proper advizer concerning the *Regulation* of our *Gold*? and is it not probable that the *Parliament* will Address his *Majesty* to remove him from all places of *Honour* and *Trust*.

Q. 34. What is the meaning and design of the Report, so industriously spread of late, that we shall have a *New Parliament*?

Q. 35. Whether we can have a surer *Criterion* to distinguish the *Vertues* and *Honesty* of our *Representatives* than by their behaviour in this most *Critical Conjunction*.

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